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Expanded Visitor Center Is Among Changes at Goddard

by Virginia Beauchamp

A major focus this year of the Greenbelt City Council's annual worksession with representatives of the Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA) was the future expansion of its Visitor Center. At the meeting on December 6 in the Council Chamber Kristi Brown, Goddard's deputy chief of the Office of Public Affairs, detailed the expansion currently projected for that facility.

Although a sidebar to the agency's primary mission, this center and the changes she described appeared particularly to engage her council audience. Such changes, however, as other speakers suggested, will be only one among other alterations within in the Goddard campus.

According to Brown's account, the 13,500-square foot Visitor Center hosts some 40,000 persons a year, mostly students from Baltimore, Prince George's County and the District of Columbia. Now aging, the Center will require significant investments, she said.

Several program additions are attracting national and local attention, Brown added. A traveling exhibit, the GeoDome, now

highlights the agency's mission. Programs at the Goddard facility include a Family Science Night on the second Thursday of each month, a Sunday Experiment on each third Sunday and another program called Science on a Sphere.

With a now aging staff of scientists, technologists and engineers since its beginnings in 1959, the agency looks to develop a new generation of potential employees. It hopes as well to build an informed and supportive society of citizen advocates. In this regard, Brown said, the Visitor Center can become an inspirational resource for teachers, students and families.

New Acronym

These goals have resulted in a new acronym – SEEC (Science, Exploration and Education Center). From a working group formed in 2006, the SEEC organization has developed including representatives of such entities as the National Air and Space Museum, the Maryland Science Center, the Space Telescope Science Institute, Port Discovery and

See NASA, page 6

Background Checks Needed For Contribution Groups

by Barbara Hopkins

For around 20 years, by Maryland state law, all government agencies utilizing paid or volunteer services for work with children require a federal and state fingerprint background check as a condition of that service. The Greenbelt Recreation Department has followed this practice for all employees and volunteers aged 18 years or older.

Volunteers associated with various Contribution Groups, however, are not required by the State legislation to undergo background checks. To address this lack the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) has considered and supports a proposal by Co-acting Director of Recreation Joe McNeal that recommends as a condition of eligibility for city funding of a Contribution Group, that all volunteers serving in such groups that work with youth under age 18 be required to submit annually to background checks.

The proposal is consistent with recommendations of the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, both of which encourage background checks for all volunteers working with children.

This item was on the consent agenda for the Greenbelt City

Council meeting of January 10, meaning it would be approved in a blanket fashion along with other items that councilmembers believed did not merit discussion beforehand. Councilmember Leta Mach asked to remove this item from the consent agenda, however, because she thought that if Contribution Group volunteers should have background checks, so should volunteers for so-called Recognition Groups.

Both Recognition Groups and Contribution Groups are granted privileges such as free use of city space, inclusion in city recreation listings, use of city equipment and eligibility to conduct fund-raising activities at city functions. After one year a Recognition Group may apply for city funding as a Contribution Group.

Council discussed the cost of the annual background checks, which would be borne by the individual or the group, not the city. Groups applying to be recognized by the city submit an affidavit that checks, as required, have been done on all members.

Council decided to approve the proposal for background checks on members of Contribution Groups and to refer back to PRAB for evaluation the question concerning similar checks on Recognition Group members.

City Council Agrees to Revised Local Bus Routes and Schedules

by Barbara Hopkins

Although bus routes serving Greenbelt were revised effective December 20 (see the News Review, December 16, page 1), changes have already been proposed. The Greenbelt City Council asked the Washington-Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) to address disparities between the schedules of the new Metrobus G12 route and TheBus Route 11 service.

In response, staff from WMATA, DPW&T and the City of Greenbelt met on December 28 and developed a modified schedule for TheBus Route 11 to coordinate with Metrobus G12. The county has asked for support from the City of Greenbelt on the proposed changes, which were a topic of discussion by council at its regular meeting on January 10.

Proposed Changes

The county proposes a revision to the timetable for TheBus Route 11 so that it runs 18 and 48 minutes after the hour instead of on the hour and the half hour as in the previous timetable. This change would provide better coordination of TheBus 11 service with Metro's G12 line, which runs three and 33 minutes after the hour.

In addition, in order to address concerns that TheBus 11 service to the Greenbelt Metro Station is not early enough, the county proposes to revise service to begin at 5:18 a.m. instead of the current 6 a.m. TheBus should then arrive at the Metro station as early as 6 a.m. instead of 6:48 a.m. as it does now.

A third change is that the run time for TheBus 11 would be reduced from 48 minutes to 42 minutes, which would address some concerns expressed

by members of TRU-G (Transit Riders United – Greenbelt) on its listserv.

DPW&T staff is also looking at adding stops to TheBus 15X route at Aerospace Drive and Hubble Drive and at the Social Security Administration building and possibly also at Greenway Center, if safety concerns over the designated right-turn lane can be overcome. Councilmembers supported these changes but cautioned that adding too many stops to an express route would diminish the effectiveness of the express feature.

TRU-G Response

Terri Hruby, Greenbelt's assistant planning director, reported to council that TRU-G had met to consider the proposed changes, which all members present at the meeting supported. TRU-G asked that the county have

See **BUS ROUTES**, page 6

Greenbelt Police Give TGIFridays Good Report; Council Is Pleased

by Carol Griffith

At a Greenbelt City Council worksession held with TGIFridays on December 15, the restaurant was given a satisfactory report by the Greenbelt Police Department on its efforts to reduce unwanted activities at its Greenbelt Road location. In response, council approved reducing its oversight of the business.

Representing TGIFridays were Douglas Meister, attorney; Robert Safford, regional manager; John Faison, general manager; and Brenda Branch, chief operating officer. The entire council attended.

Mayor Judith Davis categorized previous problems at the restaurant as fighting, verbal disputes, lost property and theft from vehicles.

Lt. Carl Schinner, accompanied by Sgt. Marie Triesky, commander of the team working with TGIFridays, summarized monthly activities since March 2010, when council requested the department hold regular dialogue with the restaurant.

The report noted that the first meeting between management and the police department was held on June 2, at which time several ideas were discussed in order to enhance security in and around the restaurant. These measures included more monitoring of the parking lot, training for employees on the state liquor laws, increasing the number of officers hired to assist with crowd control on theme

nights and the use of a mystery shopper to ensure employees are checking identification before serving alcohol.

According to the report, restaurant management has been responsive to all requests and suggestions for measures to improve security. It concluded that "there is a strong partnership between the police department and TGIFridays" and recommended that formal meetings and monthly reporting be suspended.

Council questioned Schinner and the TGIFridays representatives after the report was read. When Councilmember Edward Putens asked for opinions about what might happen in the next six months, he was told that TGIFridays would "keep going on the two-way street" they had established with the police.

Management also reported they were planning for more security for events that draw large crowds, such as certain sporting events.

Mayor Davis asked about complaints from Capitol Cadillac, a nearby business that had complained in the past of damage to vehicles on their lot. She was reassured there were no further problems.

Davis then asked about customers who had been the source of trouble. They had been identified, she was told, and had been asked to leave when they entered the restaurant.

Davis concluded that council wanted to continue monthly reports but would allow a decrease in the number of face-to-face meetings. She said this was "not punishment" but that council would watch the reported trends. TGIFridays management suggested quarterly face-to-face meetings, to which council agreed.

What Goes On

Thursday, January 13

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Board Meeting

Monday, January 17 – Greenbelt Homes and City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 19

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Community Center

Friday, January 21 – Greenbelt Homes Offices Closed

Saturday, January 22

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Letters

Loves the Lake

I want to say how much I love Greenbelt Lake. So, I'm telling what happened on December 28, 2010.

The lake was an empty space when my dog, Kokoro, and I drove up to the Buddy Attick parking lot. The sun had just set into a row of trees and left a pattern of whimsical clouds stretching across the sky.

We started out and got to the bridge across the overflow, when I decided to turn back. But Kokoro began to pull urgently on her lead as if she had a ticket for a Broadway show and didn't want to miss the opening scene.

So we kept going, turning into the woods on the northern side of the lake, turning again as the path curves – following one of the extensions of the water, until we came to the second bunch of large rocks and it was there that we found our seats for the big show.

Right on schedule the lights dimmed as the sun disappeared and through the silent soft purple of the sky-auditorium came a distant sound, at first undefinable. Growing louder, individual voices could be heard and then the eyes could begin to pick out moving specks of sky-objects. Then, they came into view, along with the music only they can create. At first it seemed like 100 of them – then 200 more – then 300. More and more they came, circling overhead and curving downward into the lake – chattering and talking until the sound was a roar and the sight too complicated – too overloaded to describe.

Betsy Barber

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

Councilmembers Assigned To Boards and Committees

by Barbara Hopkins

Members of the Greenbelt City Council met in November to review liaison assignments to various policy boards and committees of the Metropolitan Council of Governments. Council approved the following assignments at its meeting on January 10: Board of Directors – Judith Davis, alternate Emmett Jordan; Transportation Planning Board – Rodney Roberts, alternate Emmett Jordan; Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee – Leta Mach, alternate Konrad Herling; Metropolitan Development Policy Committee – Emmett Jordan, alternate Konrad Herling; Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee – Judith Davis, alternate Silke Pope; Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee – Judith Davis, alternate Leta Mach; Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee – Judith

Maryland Schools Again Rated Tops in the Nation

For the third year in a row, the Maryland public school system tops the list of state systems evaluated by Education Week, the nation's leading education newspaper. The publication has looked at data in six critical categories over the past three years.

Responding to this good news, Maryland Congressman Steny H. Hoyer released the following statement: "Investing in education has long been a priority in Maryland . . . Even during difficult economic times, Maryland continues its strong commitment to public education – consistently working to strengthen education policies and improve student performance. All children deserve a quality education and helping our children excel in their education is crucial to our sustained economic recovery and competitiveness."

According to Governor Martin O'Malley, "Even during these difficult economic times, we've worked with students, teachers and parents to continually improve and reform our public education system. For Maryland to be a winner in this new economy we must move forward by creating and saving jobs through innovation and that includes protecting our nation's-best public school system."

State Superintendent of Schools Nancy S. Grasmick said that Maryland's goal is to provide outstanding educational opportunities for every child in every neighborhood. "Recognition of our State's track record of success is gratifying to all of us who work to strengthen our schools and Quality Counts provides us with some important measurement tools," Dr. Grasmick added.

"Maryland's number one ranking is a true team effort,"

she said, "and I'd like to thank the staff of the Maryland State Department of Education, members of the Maryland State Board of Education and local system superintendents, administrators and teachers for continuing their focus on student achievement."

Most of the state-level data gathered by Education Week comes from a policy survey of the states conducted in the summer and fall of 2010. In addition, the publication draws on data from such organizations as the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Bureau of the Census and the American Federation of Teachers.

Categories

Topping the rankings was the category of Transitions and Alignment, in which Maryland tied for first in the nation with an A grade. This category includes early childhood education, college readiness policies and workforce policies.

In three categories Maryland received a B+ grade. These include Chance for Success, which includes such factors as parental education, family income, student performance and graduation rates; School Finance, based on school funding and equity in finance; and Standards, Assessments and Accountability (2010 data) in recognition of Maryland's long history of high standards and detailed statewide accountability programs.

In only one category, K-12 Achievement, Maryland received a B- grade. This category includes National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores and an analysis of achievement gaps. This grade ranked third in the nation.

Maryland ranked fifth in the nation with a B grade on the quality of the teaching profession.

Grin Belt



"Here's hot chocolate with marshmallows to warm you up on a chilly day."

On Screen

How the King Finds His Speech

The Old Greenbelt Theatre offers a galaxy of impeccably professional British stars in *The King's Speech*. The movie depicts the terror that gripped Prince Albert, the future George VI, the reluctant stutterer who would be king.

"Bertie" (Colin Firth) grapples with his speech impediment with the help of speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush). Bertie's wife Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter) hired Logue so the king could deliver radio addresses with clarity and confidence to his countrymen and countrywomen as war against Hitler loomed nigh. At first, subtle class distinctions threaten the relationship of the odd couple at the center of this drama – the royal student and the commoner therapist/teacher. Running time: 111 minutes. Rating: R

– Jim Link

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

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WEEK OF JAN 14
The King's Speech
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Saturday
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Sunday
*2:30, *5, 7:30
Monday
*2:30, *5, 7:30
Tuesday - Thursday
*5, 7:30
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Community Events

At the Library

Monday, January 17, Library closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Adult Program

Tuesday, January 18, 7 p.m. Adult Discussion Group meets to discuss "Outcasts United" by Warren St. John.

Children's Programs

Saturday, January 15, 2 p.m., Read to Rover for ages 6 to 11. Children build their reading confidence by reading aloud for 15 minutes to specially trained therapy dogs. Registration is required. Call 301-345-5800 for details.

*Wednesday, January 19, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

*Thursday, January 20, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.

*Pick up free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.



Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 17 to 21:

Monday – Martin Luther King holiday. All sites closed.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatballs with tomato sauce and spaghetti, mixed vegetables, diced pears.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup, ham steak with fruit sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, green Jello with fruit.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, barbecued chicken leg, chopped kale, black beans, peach cobbler.

Friday – Orange juice, Cajun tilapia, wild rice, peas and carrots, applesauce.

Kids to Perform At New Deal Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, January 16 runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On the third Sunday of every month, children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For details call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email anne.grdnr@yahoo.com.



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Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!

Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

GHI Notes

Thursday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Monday, January 17 – Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Day (Note: Members needing emergency service can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – Board Room

Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, January 21 – Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Saturday, January 22, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Sunday, January 23, 2 to 4 p.m., Energy Pilot Town Hall Meeting – Greenbelt Community Center

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

South of the Border, Reel & Meal Movie

The next film in the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal will be on Monday, January 17 at 7 p.m. when "South of the Border" by Oliver Stone will be shown. The free film series, which explores environmental and social justice issues, is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt community organizations. A vegan meal is available for purchase before the movie at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will open with excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking about international civil rights. It will be followed by the film, a road trip across five countries to explore the social and political movements and mainstream media misperception of South America while interviewing seven of its elected presidents. In casual conversations with Presidents Hugo Chávez (Venezuela), Evo Morales (Bolivia), Lula da Silva (Brazil), Cristina Kirchner (Argentina) and her husband and ex-President Néstor Kirchner, Fernando Lugo (Paraguay), Rafael Correa (Ecuador) and Raúl Castro (Cuba), Stone gains unprecedented access and sheds new light on transformations in the region.

Discussion after the film will be led by Greenbelt's Eugenia Kalnay and Vanderlei Martins, professors at the University of Maryland, who are from Argentina and Brazil, respectively.

For more information email Bob Cahalan at bob@chears.org.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The following slate of officers was installed at the January 5 meeting of the Golden Age Club by Karen Haseley of the Recreation Department: President Cathie Brannan, First Vice President Paul Sobol, Second Vice President Bill Souser, Recording Secretary Bunny Fitzgerald, Corresponding Secretary Suze Marley and Treasurer Paul Rall.

A big "Thank You" to these members for returning for another year – let's give them all our support and help keep the club active.

More people are needed for club trips. Please sign up with Karen Haseley or some of the trips may be cancelled.

The "Portraits of Ireland" trip on March 12 is open to everyone, no lottery on this trip.

This is the beginning of a new year – time to move on and share friendship and laughter. Laughter is a common occurrence, especially out loud and with others.

Int'l Mediation Firm Opens Branch Here

JAMS, the largest provider of mediation and arbitration services worldwide has opened its newest resolution center in Greenbelt, in Capital Office Park on Ivy Lane. JAMS has more than 260 neutrals who are responsible for resolving thousands of cases around the world. Retired Maryland Judge Howard S. Chasanow, who recently joined JAMS, will be based at the Greenbelt office.

JAMS can be reached at 1-800-352-5267 or by visiting the website www.jamsadr.com.

More Community Events
see pages 2, 4, 5 and 12.

Explorations Visits Senior Self Defense

On Friday, January 21 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Dr. Clifford Thomas, who will entertain and educate seniors about simple self-defense techniques geared toward their capabilities. He emphasizes methods that can be used on the street and at home and demonstrates how the development of both mental and physical street smarts is important with the amount of current crime and violence.

Thomas is the president and CEO of the Tae Kwon Do Ramblers Self-Defense Systems (ramblers-tkd.org) who began studying and training in martial arts in 1964. He has black belts in five different martial arts styles and holds four doctorates in martial arts. In 2008 he was nominated for AARP's Andrus Award for Community Service for volunteerism in Maryland.

He has been featured in Action Magazine and in several newspapers, including The Washington Post, The Washington Times, East of the River and The Port Towns Gazette. In 2001, he received a Presidential Award from President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush for his community activism and services on behalf of children in Washington, D.C., and also received a Washington, D.C. Unsung Hero Award. He received a Presidential Award in 1997 from President Clinton as Volunteer of the Year.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

All You Can Eat

Jan. 15

Mowatt Methodist

Church

40 Ridge Road

5 – 7 p.m.



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Children: \$6.00

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Adults: \$8.50

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Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of JAN 14

FRI. – SAT.
Gulliver's Travels, PG
11:45, 2:20, 4:35
TRON, PG
7, 9:50
Yogi Bear, PG
11:45, 2:20, 4:35
The Fighter, R
7, 9:50

The Green Hornet 3D, PG-13 (!)

No fees at our location

11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20

Season of the Witch, PG-13

11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20

Heart Specialist, R (!)

11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10

The Dilemma, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15

Little Fockers, PG-13

11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10

True Grit, PG-13

11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15

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Gulliver's Travels, PG

11:45, 2:20, 4:35

TRON, PG

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Yogi Bear, PG

11:45, 2:20, 4:35

The Fighter, R

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11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:35

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Heart Specialist, R (!)

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The Dilemma, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25

Little Fockers, PG-13

11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15

True Grit, PG-13

11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25

MON. – THU.

Gulliver's Travels, PG

12:15, 2:30

TRON, PG

4:45, 7:30

Yogi Bear, PG

12:15, 2:30

The Fighter, R

4:45, 7:30

The Green Hornet 3D, PG-13 (!)

No fees at our location

12:45, 3:45, 6:40

Season of the Witch, PG-13

12:15, 2:30, 4:55, 7:40

Heart Specialist, R (!)

12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35

The Dilemma, PG-13 (!)

12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45

Little Fockers, PG-13

12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35

True Grit, PG-13

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The Paulverizers

at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136
6900 Greenbelt Rd – Everyone Welcomed

Saturday—January 22 starting 8 p.m. doors open at 7:00

p.m. Donations of \$5.00 at the door.</

Obituaries

Robert Jean Smith

Longtime Greenbelter Roberta Jean Smith, 86, of Lakeside Drive, died on January 3, 2011, at Prince George's County Hospital after a long bout of pneumonia. She was formerly of South Bend, Ind.



She and her husband Robert Smith, who worked for the U.S. government, left their Indiana home for a tour in England from 1955 to 1958. When they returned they came to Greenbelt where they built their home on Lakeside.

After one more four-year tour in England in the 1970s they returned to their house in Greenbelt where they raised four sons.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker. She enjoyed needlepoint activities, her favorite was quilting. She belonged to a quilting group in Greenbelt.

She was an avid bridge player and also played the piano and organ. The Smiths had both of these instruments in their home. She also played them at church at times. Mrs. Smith was a member of Greenbelt Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, who died in 1981 and her son Ricky in 2004. Her survivors include sons Randy from California, Reggie from Texas and Rusty from the home and grandchildren Chris, Brandon, Michelle, Elena and Katlin.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 15 at 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church. Interment will be in the family plot in Indiana.

In lieu of flowers the family requests a memorial donation be sent to the American Diabetic Association.



American Legion Meetings, Events

The Sons of American Legion Squadron 136 meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18 at 7 p.m.

Thursday

At the American Legion's regularly scheduled membership meeting on Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. Post Service Officer Dave Cook will give a talk on how he can help members file for benefits. The Ladies Auxiliary Unit 136 membership meeting is also on Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. A free meal is served starting at 6:15 p.m. for all members attending these meetings.

Saturday

The Paulverizers will play in Legion hall on Saturday, January 22 starting at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. (See ad on page 3.)



Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Underground Railroad Site Gains Recognition

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announces that Darnall's Chance House Museum, 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro, has been accepted into the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program. The Darnall's Chance House Museum was found to be making significant contributions to the understanding of the Underground Railroad in American history.

Darnall's Chance was built in 1742 by James Wardrop, a Scottish merchant. For more than a century, the site depended on the labor of enslaved African Americans whose personal struggles offer insight into this tumultuous time in the nation's history.

The Museum is available for group tours by appointment on Tuesday through Thursday and for walk-in visitation on Friday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. There is a nominal fee for tours.

For details call 301-952-8010, TTY 301-446-3402 or email darncs@pgparks.com.

Family-Fun-Skate At Wells Ice Rink

Gather the family and head to Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park for family fun every Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Up to two children are admitted free with a paying adult. Skate rental is not included.

For more information call 301-277-3717; TTY 301-699-2544.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Richard R. Pilski, Jr., age 56, on December 19, 2010, in Mount Dora, Fla. He was the son of former Greenbelt Mayor Richard, Sr. Survivors include his mother Claire Pilski of Mount Dora, sisters Nancy Grill and Christine Weaver and two nieces.

Condolences to the family and friends of pioneer Greenbelter Mary Jane (Craig) Cook, who died at her home in Bossier City, La., on January 1, 2011. She would have been 82 years old on January 2. She was a graduate of Greenbelt High School's class of 1945.

Our sympathy to Rusty, Randy and Reggie Smith and their families on the death of their mother, longtime Greenbelter Roberta Jean Smith of Lakeside, on January 3, 2011.

Congratulations to Ingrid Turner, Greenbelt's county council-member and now chair of the Prince George's County Council, who has been installed as first vice president of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo). She has served on MACo's board of directors since 2006 and will serve on its 2011 Executive Committee.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Hope Fellowship

Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor
Please come this Sunday
WORSHIP AT 11:00
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January 16, 10 a.m.

"My Soul Has Grown Deep" Rev. Diane Teichert and

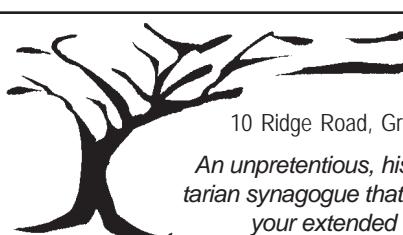
John Sebastian, worship associate, with the choir

Explore a vision to better orchestrate our social justice efforts for more depth.



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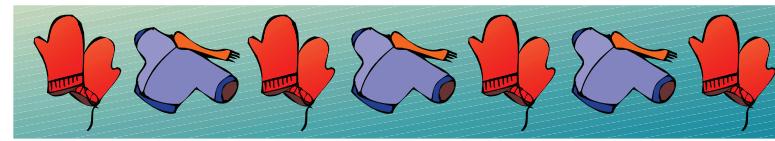
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



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10 a.m. main service

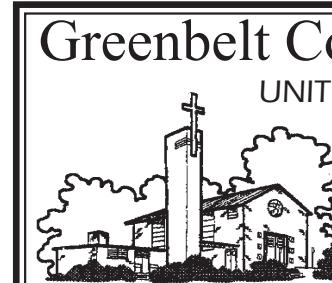
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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9:45 am Sunday School

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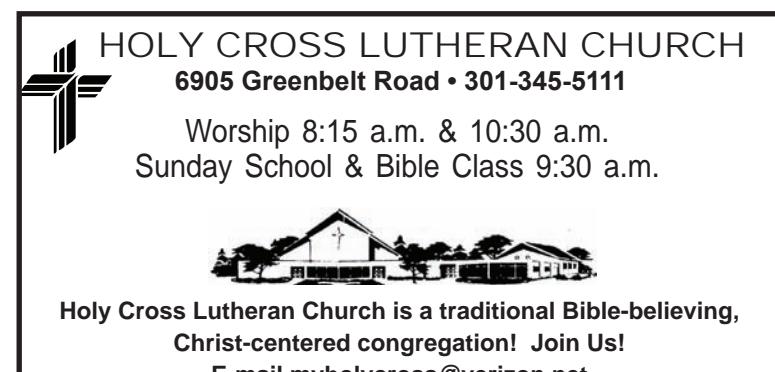
11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Exhibiting artists at the Café through February 28 are photographer Nicholas Condon with his "Walking Through Greenbelt;" etchings, mixed media drawings and paintings by New Deal pianist John Guernsey; and jewelry by Nancy DePlatchett.

On Thursday, January 13 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone session for music, poetry, prose and storytelling is from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, January 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues notes (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. Grateful Dead keyboardist, Woodstock Star and Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famer Tom Constanten and friends will recreate a Grateful Dead concert. There is a cover charge (see ad on page 9) and reservations are recommended.

On Saturday, January 15 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. Cahoots plays a variety of danceable rock 'n roll tunes from the 1960s through the present with vocals by Greenbelter Jamie Krauk.

Sunday, January 16 the Sign Language Brunch Discussion group meets in the Café front room from 10:30 a.m. to noon, while the Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays in the back room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly kids open microphone session will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mateo Monk plays instrumental world/electronica music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Oliver Stone's documentary, "South of the Border," will be shown as the Reel & Meal film of the month at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 17. University of Maryland professors Eugenia Kalnay and Vanderlei Martins, Greenbelt residents from Argentina and Brazil, lead a discussion after the film. There is a film website at <http://southoftheborderdoc.com>.

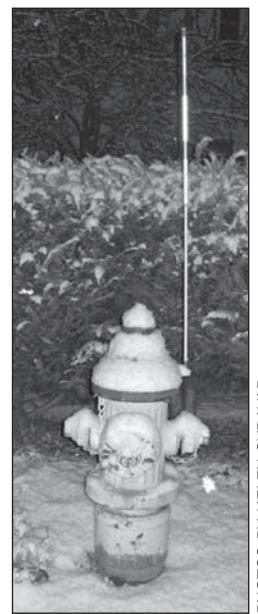
On Tuesday, January 18 Pete and Cody create an unusual musical experience with covers and originals from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, January 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Emy Tseng performs jazz and Brazilian bossa nova, with Matvei Sigalov on guitar and Roberto Berimbau on percussion. Tseng studied with jazz singer and teacher Jay Clayton in New York and Brazilian pianist Marcos Silva in San Francisco. She moved to this area last year and will give a concert at the Strathmore at the end of the month.

On Friday, January 21 at 8 p.m. the Badger Band, featuring members of the Jello Boys, provides the final performance in the Three Friday Grateful Dead celebration, while adding Dylan, original music and some jammin'.

Saturday, January 22 Wammie-nominated group Kiva brings their special percussive acoustic world music to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, January 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson plays classical lute, with the Cypress Trio playing Southwestern Louisiana two-steps and waltzes from 5 to 8 p.m.

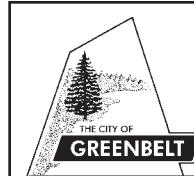
For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.



PHOTOS BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Big soft fluffy flakes began falling Tuesday evening, having held off all day. An expected earlier arrival caused a decision to close county schools two hours early. Public Works crews work late into the night to clear streets and municipal parking lots.

This fire hydrant on Southway has a marker so emergency crews can locate it at night and/or in the snow.



City Information

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board join President Obama and others by encouraging residents to take part in community service opportunities. During these challenging economic times, the demands on service organizations are greater than ever. Throughout the City's history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

- The City's many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation/clubs.html
- The online home of President Obama's "United We Serve" initiative: www.serve.gov



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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 17th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 21st

GAIL PROGRAM NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The GAIL Program will be celebrating 10 years in 2011. In order to continue to provide Greenbelt residents with aging services that meet their needs the GAIL Program is currently conducting a needs assessment. Please take a few moments to participate. If you have received a paper copy in the mail please do not complete the online survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The deadline to complete the assessment is January 31, 2011.

Access the survey at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/seniors

GREENBELT CARES WINTER WORKSHOPS IN LIFE SKILLS

Register for one or all of the following by calling 301-345-6660.

January 24-Fighting the Winter Blues

January 31-Setting and Keeping Personal Goals

February 7-Living Alone and Liking it

February 28-Learning to be Assertive

March 7, Living Well Through Mid-Life Changes

Workshops will be held from 5-6:30pm at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Greenbelt CityLink: www.greenbeltdmd.gov

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, alkaline batteries taped on one end. New! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board. For information call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 17-21

Wednesday, January 19th at 8pm, **WORK SESSION**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, January 22, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

City of Greenbelt Recycling Office: 301-474-8308.

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all NASA Visitor Centers.

During 2010 a feasibility study and master plan have been developed, a project manager hired and a SEEC education committee formed. The enlarged facility is projected to host some 330,000 visitors within three years of its targeted opening in 2016. A \$7 million annual operating budget is also projected, Brown said. Construction costs are estimated at \$170 million, including a \$20 million endowment.

Her presentation followed that of Goddard's Deputy Director Rick Obenshain, who had set forth a general overview of what has been learned since the space agency began with its first field center on January 1, 1959. Greenbelt's Goddard facility, he noted, is now one of five space flight centers. The others are in Virginia, West Virginia, New York and New Mexico.

The Greenbelt workforce now includes 9,100 persons, of whom 3,400 are civil servants and 5,700 are contractors, Obenshain said.

Since 1974 more than 200 space missions have been sent into space, according to Obenshain. Five of these have been repair missions. Currently NASA is building the James Webb telescope and a project to evaluate the big bang theory.

Currently three weather satellites are in orbit, Obenshain said. He described as "absolutely incredible" the future possibilities for predicting storms, such as hurricanes and tornadoes. Other missions, he said, will measure the melting of the arctic ice pack.

Other Solar Systems

What about our solar system and those beyond our sun and its planets? NASA is involved in studying the atmosphere of Mars. "In some ways we know more about Mars than about the moon," Obenshain said. Other areas of research involve what is called "dark energy" and black holes. A new inquiry is looking at planets recently discovered and the possibility of others around distant stars in the universe.

Closer to home, the Goddard staff are recycling computers, repairing them to be offered to nearby schools. On May 14 next year – a Saturday – the Goddard facility will host an open house for some 800 middle school children.

At this point Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis asked whether the federal budget is enough – she was speaking about the Goddard facility. "We will be as well off as any other section of NASA" was the response.

Davis then added that our federal representatives, Congressman Steny Hoyer and Senators Barbara Mikulski and Benjamin Cardin "have your backs."

Tom Paprocki, director of management operations for the agency, responded that the majority of the people who work for Goddard are, in fact, Maryland residents. A large majority of student interns come from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, he added. But Goddard staff work with some 20 schools in the area,

including Montgomery Blair High School in Montgomery County.

Poprocki then went on to describe a number of changes to the campus. Fencing around the perimeter has been replaced, he said, and the main gate is being updated and will reopen on January 3. He described NASA as "the largest holder of real property in any federal agency. But it is aging," he said.

Currently a new shipping and receiving building is under construction off Soil Conservation Road. The idea is to relocate such facilities to the perimeter of the campus, he said.

Presently the occupants of Building 26 – "the old science building" – are being moved out, he added. The building will be gutted and rehabilitated. Materials that can be used "in the future," he said, will be saved. He mentioned, as examples, windows and doors.

The meeting concluded with discussion of proposed bikeways between the Greenbelt town center and possible routes over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to the NASA gateway.

BUS ROUTES continued from page 1

someone ride the routes during rush hour to assure they are properly timed. In response, Hruby told council that county representatives say they have evaluated the running times for TheBus 11 and will make changes to certain sections of the route.

They also are working with WMATA, she said, to address problems with the NextBus system, which is supposed to inform riders when the next bus should arrive. TRU-G members say the system is not working satisfactorily.

Hruby said there will be no public hearing, as these changes are minor. She said the city could post schedules in bus shelters but she is not aware of plans by either WMATA or DPW&T to post schedules at stops.

Council Concerns

More than one councilmember noted problems with bus signage and with improper destinations listed at the end of the line, making it difficult for riders to find their bus. It was also noted that sometimes a bus says "Not in Service" when it actually is.

Councilmember Emmett Jor-

dan asked that the route finder option on WMATA's website change "Greenbelt Center" as a destination to "Roosevelt Center." He also was concerned that people in Greenbelt East now have less service to the New Carrollton Metro Station.

He asked if a Saturday schedule, instead of a Sunday one, could be used over holidays, noting that over the Christmas and New Year's weekends, there had been very limited bus service for several days.

Hruby said in her agenda

comments that county staff has indicated a desire to keep lines of communication open so reasonable requests about bus service can be considered in a timely manner. Major changes or concerns will be part of the discussion between concerned entities at quarterly reviews, she said.

Council voted unanimously to support the proposed changes to TheBus Route 11 and additional stops for the 15X route and to express a desire to continue to evaluate other potential new stops.

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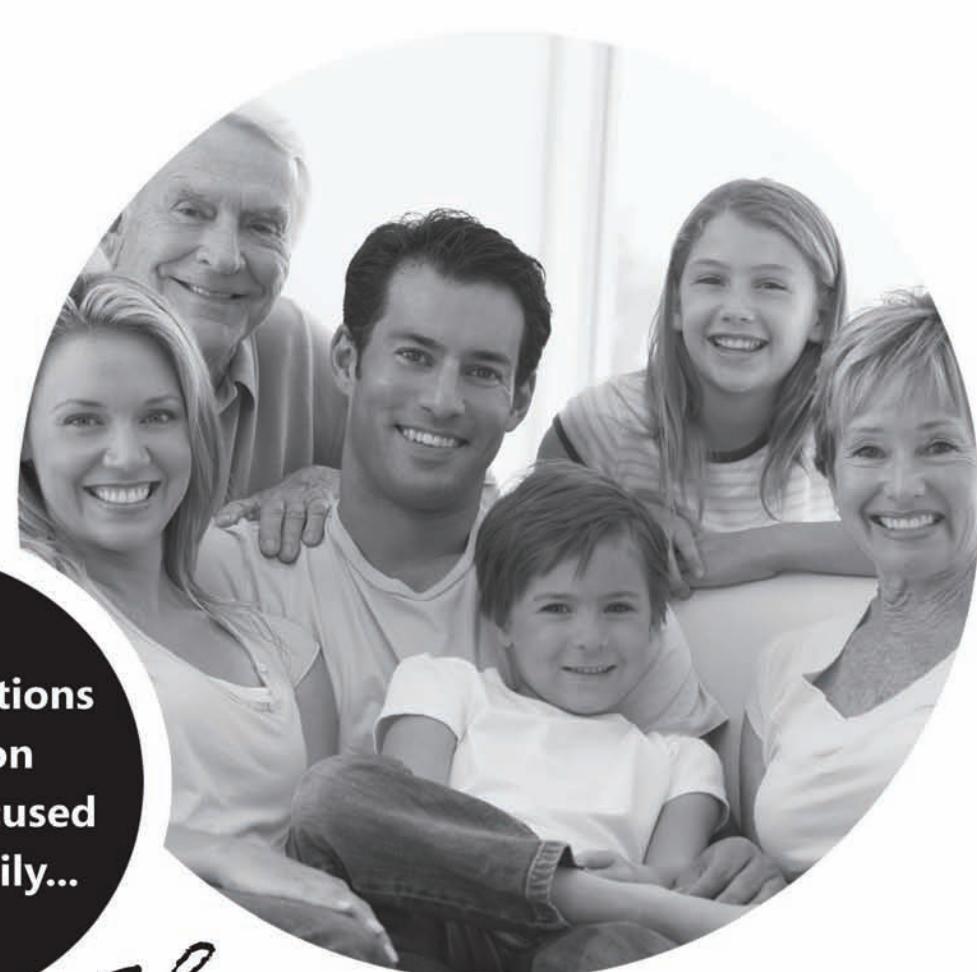
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California Navel Oranges each	50¢	Tasty Red Peppers

Fresh Quality Meats		
Fresh Grade A Whole Frying Chicken	99¢ lb.	Fresh 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Top Round London Broil	\$3.99 lb.	Fresh Value Pack Chicken Leg Quarters

Dairy		Deli		Frozen	
Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice 59 oz.	\$2.88	Breyers Assorted Yogurts 6 oz.	50¢	Hatfield Cooked Ham	\$3.69 lb.
Cabot Chunk Cheese Assorted 8 oz.	\$2.50	Crowley Sour Cream 16 oz.	\$1.50	Deli Gourmet Cooked Salami	\$2.89 lb.
Garnier Fructis Shampoo or Conditioner Assorted 13 oz.	\$2.99	Fresh Catch Flounder Fillets	\$5.99 lb.	New Yorker White American Cheese	\$5.99 lb.
Western Family Body Lotion 10 oz.	\$1.99	Viking Frozen Haddock Loins 1 lb.	\$6.99	I had a dream that... Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.	
Health & Beauty		Seafood		Natural & Gourmet	
				Wasa Light Rye Crispbread 9.5 oz.	\$2.79
				Asian Gourmet Rice Crackers Assorted 3.5 oz.	\$1.50
				Bakery	
				Fresh Store Baked Original Italian Bread loaf	\$1.19
				Delicious Rocky Road Cookies 8 pk.	\$2.99

Grocery Bargains		Grocery Bargains		Grocery Bargains	
San Giorgio Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni 16 oz.	88¢	Ragu Pasta Sauces Assorted 16-26 oz.	\$1.25	Furmano's Assorted Tomatoes 28 oz.	\$1.00
Hunt's Tomato Sauce 8 oz.	40¢	Del Monte Canned Vegetables Assorted 11-15 oz.	\$1.00	Shurfine Tea Bags 100 pk.	\$2.00

Beer & Wine		Beer & Wine		Beer & Wine	
Alice White Wines 750 ML.	\$6.69	Icehouse Beer 6 pk.-12 oz. cans	\$3.79	Anterra Wines 1.5 Liter	\$8.99
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Home Invasion

January 4, 9:35 p.m., 16 Court Crescent Road, a man entered a home while the occupants were there, brandished a screwdriver and demanded money. The man took a game system and video games and fled. The suspect is described as a white male, 40 to 45 years old, 6'0" to 6'2" tall, weighing 200 to 210 pounds, missing two bottom teeth and wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt.

DWI Arrests

December 25 to January 1 police arrested and charged six nonresidents for driving under the influence of alcohol at various locations around town.

Drug Arrest

December 31, 9:58 p.m., Cherrywood Lane at Ivy Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

December 31, 3:57 p.m., Hamilton Place, the fence to a garden plot was damaged and litter was found on the plot.

January 1, 1:51 p.m., 11 Court Ridge Road, graffiti was found on a residence.

Burglaries

December 31, 2:27 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, an attempted burglary was reported.

January 1, 2:33 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, a DVD player, cellphone, game system and computer were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a maroon 2003 Ford Focus with Md. tags from the 7900 block Mandan Road and a green 1998 Ford Explorer with Md. tags from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Attempted thefts of vehicles were reported twice at 13 Court Ridge Road.

Two Maryland license plates stolen in the 7800 block Walker Drive were recovered in Bowie. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Springhill Court (flashlight, gloves); 6200 block Breezewood Drive (car stereo); 7700 block Greenbrook Drive (wallet); and 6100 block Springhill Terrace (camera, CDs, currency). A vehicle was vandalized in the 100 block Westway (damaged door locks).

Police Investigate Shooting

On Wednesday, January 12 at approximately 7:20 p.m., Greenbelt police officers responded to a report of a man bleeding in the hallway of an apartment building in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. At the scene, officers found an unidentified male suffering from a single gunshot wound to the head. He was transported to the Prince George's Trauma Center where he was undergoing evaluation and treatment at press time.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

There is an urgent need!

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Tuesday, January 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

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Wednesday, January 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Prince George's Chapter House,

6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville

Friday, January 28, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

University of Maryland, Stamp Student Union atrium,
College Park

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Governor O'Malley Holds Forums Focusing on Future of the State

by Thomas X. White

In preparation for his second term, Governor Martin O'Malley announced just before the holidays that he would conduct a series of five "Maryland Forward" forums to develop strategies for the O'Malley-Brown administration's second term. He hoped they would generate actions and recommendations in support of their strategic goals, he said.

The governor subsequently led off the series with a forum at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg on Monday, December 20 on the topic of "Jobs and the Economy." And on January 3 he hosted the second forum, on "Skills and Education," held at Bowie State University.

Of interest to Greenbelt, on Friday, January 7, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown hosted the third forum, on "Sustainability," at the Chesapeake College in Wye Mills on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Discussion topics at this forum included Smart Growth, Bay Restoration, Clean Energy/Climate Change and Resource Based Industries.

Coming out of the discussion sessions were several recommendations:

- To continue to increase Bay restoration efforts with Maryland's Watershed Implementation Plan to help assure that Maryland achieves its Bay restoration goals (required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) by 2020.

- To pursue aggressively the development of offshore wind generation as a clean energy solution as well as an avenue for creation of "green" jobs in the state.

- To increase support for development projects in transit-oriented, sustainable communities through funding, financing, tax credits, other incentives and continued promotion of public transit ridership.

- To develop new policies and programs providing economic incentives for rural landowners, including farmers, to conserve, rather than develop their land; to develop new programs to support environmentally-friendly resource-based industries, including sustainable agriculture and forestry, aquaculture and nature-based tourism.

Fourth Forum

A fourth forum covering the topic "Children and Health," was held on Monday, January 10 at Coppin State University in Baltimore. The final forum, on the topic of "Public Safety and Security," will be held on Thursday, January 13 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis.

The five "Maryland Forward" forums are intended to provide useful guidance and recommendations for achieving Governor O'Malley's 15 strategic goals for his administration as it begins its second and final term, which ends in 2014.

Those ambitious goals include:

1. Create, save or place Maryland residents into 250,000 jobs by the end of 2012.

2. Improve student achievement and school, college and career readiness by 25 percent by the end of 2015.

3. Increase the number of Marylanders who receive skills training by 20 percent by the end of 2012.

4. Reduce violent crime in Maryland by 20 percent by the end of 2012.

5. Reduce violent crimes committed against women and children by 25 percent by the end of 2012.

6. Make Maryland the national leader in Homeland Security Preparedness by the end of 2012.

7. Restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay by 2020.

8. Double transit ridership in Maryland by the end of 2020.

9. Reduce per-capita electricity consumption in Maryland by 15 percent by 2015.

10. Increase Maryland's renewable energy portfolio by 20 percent Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) by 2022.

11. Reduce Maryland's greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020.

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13. Establish best-in-the-nation statewide health information exchange and electronic health records system by the end of 2012.

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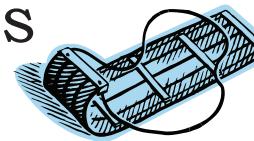
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Memories of the Challenges Of Skating and Sledding



by James Giese

It's been a long time since there has been skating on Greenbelt Lake. Whether it's global warming or a temporary climate change or just not the right confluence of weather elements, it hasn't happened recently. Even in the old days (for me the 1960s) ice-skating on the lake was a rare event.

First, there had to be a long freeze. It's not enough that the lake is ice covered. The ice must be thick enough all over the lake to support a crowd of people. To be safe, the ice should be able to even hold up an automobile.

But thick ice is not enough. During the freezing process there must not be a major snow event. The ice must be smooth for good skating. Snow is the enemy, although if there is not too much, an ice rink can be shoveled out for skating by ambitious young men and women.

On the rare occasions when everything worked out just right, usually for no more than a day or two, hundreds of Greenbelters would show up to skate. You could skate all over the 13-acre lake. Because of school and work, skating often took place at night. Those who come from the north know that there is nothing quite like skating upon an open body of water by the light of the moon on a crisp, clear cold night. That's the way it used to be in Greenbelt.

When there was skating, there would be a blazing bonfire on the shore of Buddy Attick Park. Skaters would gather there to warm themselves and use the lights to fix any problems they might have with their skates. The city would supply the firewood. If it didn't, there would still be a bonfire but the picnic tables and who knows what else might be the source of combustion.

Worry

I, as city manager then, and most particularly the recreation director would worry about whether or not it was really safe for skating. Even in the coldest of times, there would be spots along the shoreline where springs emanated from the ground to prevent the formation of ice. These were in shallow water areas, so did not pose too great a risk. Other areas did not freeze either because water birds kept the water circulating or because of the proximity to the dam. Those areas posed greater concerns to us. Public Works would place traffic cones to warn people away from them.

But the greatest concern was that the ice be thick enough. To my knowledge, no one has ever drowned in Greenbelt Lake by falling through the ice, although there have been other drownings. But to have someone drown would be a horrific tragedy and something we wished to prevent if at all possible. Thin ice can be dangerously deceptive.

When the lake became really frozen, Recreation or Public Works personnel would go out on the ice when it appeared to be safe to measure its thickness. If it wasn't thick enough, something like six inches was our standard, then it was up to the police to chase the kids (and adults) off the ice. The thicker the ice got, the greater the number of defiant resi-

dents and the more pressure we got to say skating was OK.

Sometimes, the judgment of city staff was not all that it should have been. I did not know until much, much later, for example, that one Recreation Department employee borrowed Buddy Attick's Jeep. (Buddy was the long-time, highly gregarious, well-loved Public Works director for whom the park is named. He was seen all about town driving his little yellow jeep with the fabric top in winter and open top in summer.) The employee drove the Jeep onto the frozen lake, ignoring the fact that the ice by the shore was often thin because of the underground springs. The Jeep sank through the ice and became mired. Another city truck had to tow the Jeep out. Buddy didn't get mad too often, but when he did he could cuss a blue streak. I suspect one of those cussing times occurred then, unbeknownst to me.

Another time, a recreation director came to my office and told me that he had checked the lake that morning and finally thought it was safe for skating. I agreed to take a look on my own. It was a beautiful, sunny day. By the time we reached the lake, the sun had done its job and there was a large area of open water. I had one very embarrassed recreation director with me.

Snow

Besides the many problems caused by snow making roads impassable and preventing the easy access of emergency vehicles and preventing those needing to go someplace from doing so, it is a wonderful event, particularly for kids. In the original days of Greenbelt, I am told that the favorite sledding hill was the long slope down Crescent Road from the 3 Court to Westway. In fact, the city at times would refrain from plowing that part of the street so that the kids could sled there.

This part of the city was called by some residents "Holy Hill." In this area some of the original homes had basements offering extra bedrooms for larger families, many of whom were Catholics. As a result, there were plenty of kids living there in a town that boasted 3,000 children.

The problem was, of course, that not every resident was willing to be snowed in just so the kids could have a play hill. The com-

plaints would build up until the city fathers would order the plow out to clear the streets. Naturally, the snowplow was heavily bombarded with snowballs.

With the construction of the North End and the Defense Homes in the early 1940s, another popular sledding hill became the north-facing slope just beyond the small park across from the 73 Court. North-facing slopes are always great sledding hills because it takes much longer to melt the snow without the sun shining directly upon it. The problem is that hill is on the other side of the fence from the city on land of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. To get to it, the kids had to make openings in the chain link fence, which they did.

Except for damaging the fence, sledding there has never been a serious problem. Still, Research Center officials have regularly complained to the city about anyone accessing that portion of the farm not only because of the vandalism that occurred but because of the possibility of an encounter with one of the farm animals being researched there.

While Greenbelt lacks the really steep sloping hillsides that are a challenge to any teenage sledder, the "Devil Hill" of my youth, there are plenty of lesser slopes throughout town off the road that provide enjoyment particularly to the younger set who are first getting to learn the pleasures of snow. I am sure that last year Greenbelt kids got their fill of snow play and then some.

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Greenbelt Writers Group Gathers for a Celebration

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) celebrated the holiday season with a party at Sir Walter Raleigh Restaurant on December 17. A lively group met to enjoy the company of fellow writers, some of whom have been meeting since the group was formed 15 years ago. It was also a sad occasion as we recalled the life and influence of one of the founding members, Dorothy Sucher, who died earlier in the year.

As is traditional at the gatherings, a number of members chose to read from original or famous works. A sampling follows:

Marilyn Wassmann always has a new Christmas card poem that she read and Lenore Algaze has for many years recited from memory "A Visit from St. Nick." This year

Joe Sucher presented poetry dedicated to his wife and Janet Walenta read from a story she is writing using the dialect of Long Island Geese (you had to be there for that one).

The latest GWG Anthology was also hot off the presses at the dinner and everyone eagerly thumbed through the pages in search of their creations.

Matt Arbach and Carol Griffith deserve much credit for not only planning the party but for their ongoing activities with the anthology and the group.

The GWG meets in the Greenbelt Community Center on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Most months include open readings and another activity or discussion. New members are always welcome.

Winter Mid-Week Free Bird Walk

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Victory Gardens Film Shown by Museum

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On Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will screen a short instructional video (approximately 20 minutes) from the 1940s which details how a Maryland family plans and establishes its own Victory Garden. Follow them through the process, learn tips for how to make the most of one's own garden and experience what life was like for many families on the American homefront.

A discussion will follow the film. The lecture is free, sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and will be held at the Community Center.



"Plant a Victory Garden. Our Food is Fighting," 1943. United States Office of War Information. Poster published by the U.S. Government Printing Office.

It is the first in a quarterly series offered in conjunction with the museum exhibition "Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt" that is currently on display in the Community Center.

For more information visit greenbeltmuseum.org or call 301-507-6582.

Greenbelt Museum Closing for January

The Greenbelt Museum is open by appointment only during the month of January. Regular Sunday hours will resume on February 6. An appointment can be made by calling 301-507-6582.

J. Mather to Speak on Big Bang at the Science Café

On Tuesday, January 18 at 3:30 p.m. the Eleanor Science Café will be the site for a talk by Goddard Space Flight Center's Nobel Prize winning Senior Astrophysicist Dr. John Mather, whose topics will range from the Big Bang to the Nobel Prize and on to the James Webb Space Telescope and the discovery of alien life. The lecture is free, open to the public and will be held in the ERHS cafeteria.

At 5 p.m. there will be a break and live music from the school's quartet along with food and conversation and then Mather's presentation will be repeated at 6 p.m.

Mather will tell how people got here, how the universe began with a Big Bang, how it could have produced an Earth where sentient beings can live and how those beings are discovering their history.

Mather was Project Scientist for NASA's Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite, which measured the spectrum (the color)

of the heat radiation from the Big Bang, discovered hot and cold spots in that radiation and hunted for the first objects that formed after the great explosion. He will explain Einstein's biggest mistake, show how Edwin Hubble discovered the expansion of the universe, how the COBE mission was built and how the COBE data support the Big Bang theory.

Webb Telescope

Mather will also show NASA's plans for the next great telescope in space, the James Webb Space Telescope. It will look even farther back in time than the Hubble Space Telescope and will look inside the dusty cocoons where stars and planets are being born today.

The Webb telescope is capable of examining Earth-like planets around other stars using the transit technique. Future missions may even find signs of life. Currently planned for launch in 2014, the telescope may lead to another Nobel Prize for some lucky observer.

WSSC's Knox Speaks at Gardening Meeting

At the next Beltsville Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. the speaker will be Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Community Outreach Manager Kimberley M. Knox, who is a member of the club. Knox, who is also editor of "Landscaping for Water Conservation: Xeriscape," will speak on Water Conservation and Gardens and the seven basic principles to include in the landscape to ensure savings of water, money and time. Knox

coordinates WSSC's demonstration garden, which features native plants for birds and butterflies.

There will be refreshments after the meeting. Members are invited to bring a plant or plant-related material for the door prize table. The public is welcome.

Beltsville Garden Club meetings are held in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. Call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org for details.



At the Greenbelt Metro station, the R-12 Metrobus waits for passengers in the snow on Tuesday evening.

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Crescent Crosswalk Offers Safety Boost

by Peter Curtis

The city recently installed a crosswalk safety system, now operating on Crescent Road at St. Hugh's School. The pedestrian-activated system, called a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon, features high-intensity LED lights that flash rapidly in a flickering pattern to accent the crosswalk equipped with three bollards. The city purchased two of these devices to stop traffic in both directions. The system also comes with a recorded verbal message informing pedestrians about safely crossing the busy intersection. The system runs in large part by a solar-powered device with battery backup.

The city funded the system with \$35,000 from the Capital Improvement budget and installed the system due to growing concern about pedestrian safety and a number of near accidents at this heavily-trafficked location.



The switch located on the pole (center) activates the flashing lights mounted on the new crosswalk signs.

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